

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH HARPER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

SCHEDULING ORDER

18-cr-166-wmc

The court sets the following schedule:

1) In response to a defendant's Rule 16 demand, the government has already provided its required disclosures and has a continuing disclosure obligation throughout this case. The government and its agents are ordered to preserve rough notes and similar data compilations for possible disclosure later in this case. Pursuant to Rule 12, the government reports that it intends to use all disclosed evidence in its case-in-chief at trial.

2) Defendants must file and serve any pretrial motions and discovery requests not later than noon, April 12, 2019. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7), time from the arraignment until the deadline to file pretrial motions is excluded from the speedy trial clock regardless whether motions are filed. The ends of justice and the Sixth Amendment require that defendant and defense counsel receive adequate time to review the government's disclosures, investigate this case, then make tactical decisions whether to file motions and which motions to file. Briefs need not accompany motions. To obtain an evidentiary hearing on a motion, a defendant must ask for it in the caption of each such motion and must submit admissible facts establishing a prima facie entitlement to the relief requested. *See U.S. v. Edgeworth*, 889 F.3d 350.

3) The pretrial motion hearing and any evidentiary hearing shall be April 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. The court will rule on each motion or set it for briefing in consultation with the parties. Unless the court is taking evidence on a dispositive motion, a defendant may waive his or her presence at the preliminary pretrial conference.

4) Deadlines to disclose expert witnesses: Government: May 17, 2019

Defendants: June 14, 2019

5) Submissions for the final pretrial conference, namely proposed voir dire questions, jury instructions and motions in limine must be filed and served not later than June 21, 2019.

6) The final pretrial conference shall be June 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. A defendant may waive his or her presence at the final pretrial conference.

7) The final hearing before the trial judge shall be July 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Defendants and trial counsel must attend this hearing.

8) Jury selection and trial shall begin July 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The predicted trial length is two weeks. The parties are jointly responsible for alerting the clerk of court forthwith if a jury need not be called.

Entered this 8th day of February, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge